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MONOPOLY OF SEEDS COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturing of seeds have become the monopoly of the companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): The seed production and distribution in the country is undertaken by many agencies like State's Department of Agriculture, National Seeds Corporation, State Farm Corporation of India, State Seed Corporations, State Agricultural Universities, Cooperatives and Private Seed Companies based on demand and supply of the seeds. Since, there are many agencies involved in production of seeds, question of monopoly does not arise.